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SUBJECT: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

REF: A. NICOSIA 1783; B. NICOSIA 965

SUMMARY. FIRST ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY CASE
AND GOC HAS HINTED IT IS CONSIDERING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST TASSOS
PAPADOPOULOS, WHO CHALLENGED GOVERNMENT TO BRING HIM TO JUSTICE
IF IT HAS ANY EVIDENCE. PUBLIC REMAINS SKEPTICAL OF ALLEGATIONS
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OF CONSPIRACY. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT NO GRAND CONSPIRACY EXISTS
BUT THAT PRESIDENT, ALARMED AND SUSPICIOUS OVER MOUNTING CRIT-
ICISM OF HIS HANDLING OF GOVERNMENT, HAS DUSTED OFF AND ATTEMPTED
GIVE CREDENCE TO OLD CONSPIRACY REPORTS IN EFFORT TO SILENCE HIS
CRITICS. END SUMMARY.

1. GOC ANNOUNCED JULY 17 THAT THREE ARRESTS HAD BEEN MADE IN CON-

NECTION WITH INVESTIGATION INTO CONSPIRACY. MOST PROMINENT WAS KIKIS CONSTANTINOU, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NISSI BEACH HOTEL, WIDELY REPORTED TO BE SITE OF SOME OF CONSPIRATORIAL MOVES. OTHER TWO WERE CHRISTAKIS ANDREA MICHAEL, ALIAS PERSIANIS, AND NEOCLIS CHARLAMBOUS. SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST THESE THREE IS NOT KNOWN. IN ADDITION, FIVE MIDDLE- AND LOW-LEVEL CIVIL SERVANTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FROM POSITIONS IN CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORPORATION (CBC), MINISTRY OF LABOR, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY FOR "DISCIPLINARY OFFENSES." WHILE GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION DO NOT SPECIFY INVOLVEMENT IN CONSPIRACY, PRESS SPECULATES THERE IS CONNECTION. (WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT CBC EMPLOYEES WERE SUSPENDED AT DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT.)

2. TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS ISSUED STRONG STATEMENT JULY 17 DENYING ANY INVOLVEMENT IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY. HE ACCUSED GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN OF SUGGESTING THAT CRITICS OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU WERE ASSOCIATED WITH CONSPIRATORS AND DEMANDED THAT GOVERNMENT STATE UNEQUIVOCALLY WHETHER IT HAD EVIDENCE LINKING HIM WITH CONSPIRACY. HE SAID HE WOULD WAIVE HIS PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY IN ORDER TO CLEAR MATTER UP IN COURTS. FINALLY, PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE WOULD WEAR HIS DISMISSAL AS BADGE OF HONOR AND WOULD CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUR.

3. IN RESPONSE TO PAPADOPOULOS' STATEMENT, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD CONSIDER QUESTION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM. EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MIN-
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ISTERS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS BEEN CALLED BY PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU FOR JULY 19.

4. PRESS HAS INTRODUCED NEW ELEMENT INTO CONSPIRACY STORY. AFTERNOON RADICAL DAILY APOYEVMATINI REPORTED JULY 18 THAT ISRAELI SOCCER COACH, ELI FOULKES, WORKING IN COLLUSION WITH FORMER FRG COUNSELOR PAUL KURBUHN IN FURTHERENCE OF CONSPIRACY. POLICE REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO ARREST FOULKES BUT DISCOVERED HE HAD ALREADY LEFT COUNTRY.

5. PUBLIC OPINION TOWARD PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S CONSPIRACY CHARGES IS STILL CONFUSED. LEFTIST ELEMENTS APPEAR TO BE FIRMLY BEHIND PRESIDENT; MOUTHPIECES OF COMMUNIST (AKEL) AND SOCIALIST (EDEK) PARTIES CONTINUE TO ASSERT THERE IS INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY TO ACHIEVE "NATOIST" SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM AND PRESIDENT IS CORRECT TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT IT. ON RIGHT, HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO SOUNDINGS WE HAVE TAKEN, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT CONSPIRACY EXISTS, EVEN AMONG FOLLOWERS OF KYPRIANOU'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY. FEELING AMONG THESE CIRCLES IS THAT CONSPIRACY CHARGES ARE NOT CONVINCING ON THEIR FACE AND PRESIDENT MUST PROVIDE EVIDENCE. ESPECIALLY, HE MUST ANSWER PAPADOPOULOS' CHALLENGE TO GO TO COURT AND REVEAL CONCRETE FACTS IN ADDRESS TO NATION SCHEDUL-

ED FOR JULY 19.

6. COMMENT. WE ARE STRUCK BY SIMILARITY BETWEEN CONSPIRACY THEORY NOW BEING PUT OUT BY PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AND SEDITIOUS PLOT STORIES FLOATED FEW MONTHS AGO (REF B) BY EDEK AND AKEL. MANY OF ELEMENTS OF CONSPIRACIES ARE THE SAME -- WEST GERMAN/ ISRAELI/RIGHTWING CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION, ASSISSINATIONS, DESTABILIZATION, ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE NATO SOLUTION, ETC. MANY OF THESE STORIES WERE SUBSEQUENTLY INVESTIGATED BY GOC AND, ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, FOUND TO BE GROUNDLESS. WE DOUBT THAT ANY GRAND CONSPIRACY AS DESCRIBED BY KYPRIANOU EXISTS, ALTHOUGH WE CAN SEE THAT BEHIND-THE-SCENES MOVES BY PAPADOPOULOS TO IMPROVE HIS OWN POLITICAL POSITION MIGHT MAKE THE PRESIDENT SUSPICIOUS. OUR GUESS, SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS EVENTS DEVELOP, IS THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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KYPRIANOU, STUNG AND WORRIED BY INCREASING CRITICISM FROM THE RIGHTS, TROTTED THESE OLD CHARGES OUT IN ATTEMPT TO SILENCE HIS CRITICS AND ISOLATE HIS OPPOSITION. END COMMENT.
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